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Hon. President's Remarks

In 1961 The Inverness Opera Company presented 'Oklahoma'. This was one of the most popular productions ever staged by the company. By popular demand the company have been persuaded to stage it again.

Rehearsals started well and then came the national emergency and it was impossible to rehearse in school halls due to power restrictions. For a time it looked as if the production would have to be postponed. The company, with great resourcefulness, rehearsed wherever possible in many different halls and houses, so now despite all these difficulties 'Oklahoma' has been produced as intended.

As usual the company have made scenery, props and costumes, but despite their efforts, costs are higher than ever. The hired tiered seating for instance costs much more than last year and V.A.T. has added to their expenses. Surely this valiant company deserves the support of the Inverness public. The public can help by becoming Associate Members. Please recommend the show to your friends.

As an innovation, the company this year have attempted to find out what the public would like them to do. Please help them to please you by filling in the form.

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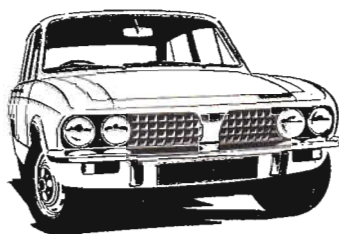
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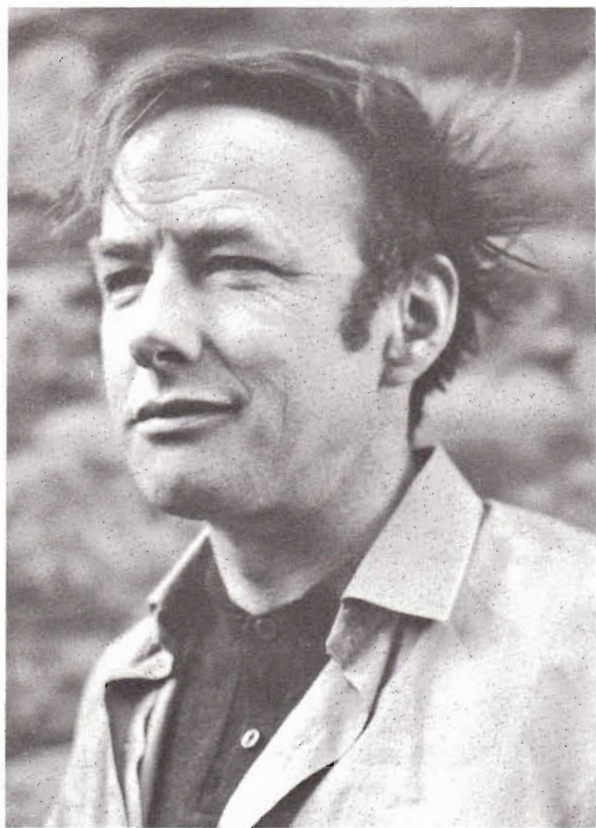
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JUD FRY (Baxter Murray)



WILL PARKER (James Pringle)

THE STORY

It is a story of simple people living and loving and quarrelling against a background of the birth of a state — Oklahoma.

There were two factions — the farmers and the cowboys — and they did not live in complete harmony. Curly, a cowboy, loves Laurey, the niece of Aunt Eller, who is a farmer. But Laurey cannot make up her mind — she has a bit of coquette in her and rather encourages the attentions of Jud, the general factotum of the farm. Jud is a loutish fellow with a very shady past and a depraved nature which is evident from the pictures on the walls of his Smoke House.

An argument between Curly and Jud as to who takes Laurey to a "box" social ends with guns, but no harm done. It frightens Laurey into the knowledge that she loves Curly, but is in fear of Jud.

Her fear is increased by her dream when the ballet dances her fate — a tragic wedding scene in which Jud overthrows Curly, the bridegroom, and carries Laurey off as his prize. She accepts Jud's escort to the social.

The "box" is a supper hamper which each girl supplies; these are auctioned to the men who thus win the girls for supper partners. Curly only succeeds in outbidding Jud for Laurey's hamper by selling all his worldly possessions — saddle, horse, and finally, his gun.

The magnificence of it brings Laurey to her senses — her fear of Jud vanishes and she orders him off Aunt Eller's farm. She consents to marry Curly and their happiness seems assured.

Meanwhile, others are falling in and out of love. Ado Annie, who just can't say "No" to any man, has become involved with a pedlar man, Ali Hakim, although she was more or less promised to Will Parker, who returns from Kansas City with lots of presents for her.

Ado Annie's father has a nasty habit of pointing a gun at reluctant suitors, and Ali — a real philanderer — finds himself "hooked" by that simple ruse. He manages to slide out of it by helping Will to win Ado Annie back to his side. But in doing so Ali bounces into the arms of Gertie, whose father uses the same gun barrel tactics to better effect than Ado Annie's had done.

Aunt Eller, the moving spirit of the community, gives Laurey a lovely wedding. They are leaving for a honeymoon in the "Surrey With the Fringe On Top" when Jud comes out of hiding. He is desperate and goes berserk with a knife. In a grim fight with Curly, Jud falls on his own knife, fatally wounded.

A Federal Marshal who is present says Curly must give himself up, but Aunt Eller has other ideas. With womanly sagacity she forces old man Carnes, the local judge, to hold an improvised Court on the spot.

A verdict of "Accidental Death" is given. Curly and Laurey depart in the Surrey to rousing cheers. Oklahoma has at last emerged as a State with farmer and cowboys united as "friends".

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GERTIE CUMMINGS	ELIZABETH McBEAN
CURLY	DONALD MATHESON
WILL PARKER	JAMES PRINGLE
ALI HAKIM	BOB MCCORKINDALE
JUD FRY	BAXTER MURRAY
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Clarinet: William Wilson, Andrew Williams

Trumpet: Harry Shore, Linda Hay

French Horn: Christine Livingstone

Trombone: James Brough, Rosemary Guy

Piano: Muriel McCulloch

OKLAHOMA!

MUSICAL PROGRAMME

OVERTURE

ACT I

Scene 1

1. OPENING ACT I (OH, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL MORNIN')
2. LAUREY'S ENTRANCE
3. THE SURREY WITH THE FRINGE ON THE TOP
4. KANSAS CITY
5. REPRISE OF "THE SURREY WITH THE FRINGE ON THE TOP"
6. I CAIN'T SAY NO
7. ENCORE — I CAIN'T SAY NO
8. ENTRANCE OF ENSEMBLE
9. MANY A NEW DAY
10. DANCE — MANY A NEW DAY
11. IT'S A SCANDAL! IT'S AN OUTRAGE!
12. PEOPLE WILL SAY WE'RE IN LOVE

Scene 2

13. PORE JUD IS DAID
14. LONELY ROOM

Scene 3

15. DREAM — SEQUENCE
 - (a) Melos
 - (b) Out of My Dreams
 - (c) Interlude to Ballet
 - (d) Dream Ballet
16. ENTR'ACTE

ACT II

Scene 1

17. OPENING ACT II — THE FARMER AND THE COWMAN
18. FARMER DANCE
19. ALL ER NOTHIN'

Scene 2

20. REPRISE OF "PEOPLE WILL SAY WE'RE IN LOVE"

Scene 3

21. OKLAHOMA
22. ENCORE — OKLAHOMA
23. FINALE ULTIMO

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

Time: Just After the Turn of the Century.

Place: Indian Territory (Now Oklahoma)

ACT I

- SCENE 1. The Front of Laurey's Farm House
SCENE 2. The Smoke House
SCENE 3. A Grove on Laurey's Farm

ACT II

- SCENE 1. The Skidmore Ranch
SCENE 2. Skidmore's Kitchen Porch
SCENE 3. The Back of Laurey's Farm House

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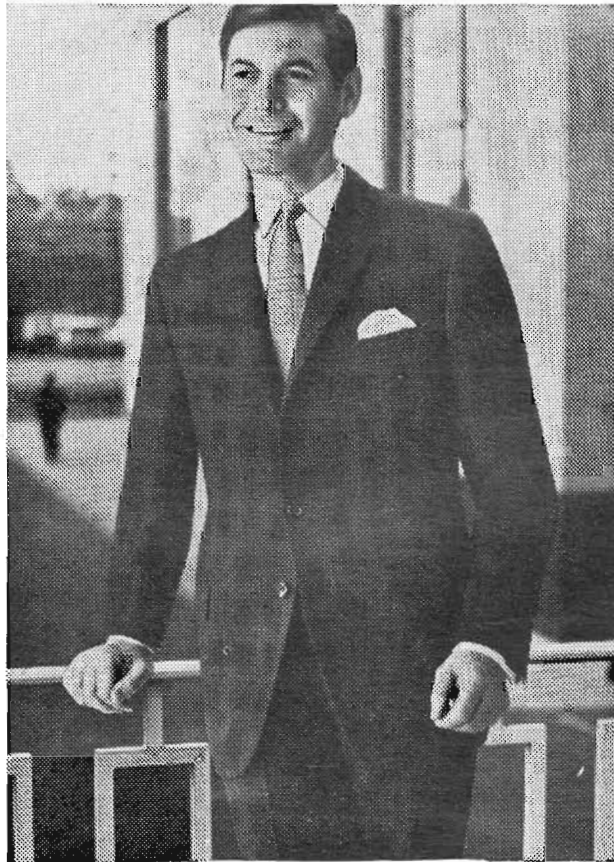
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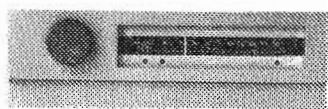
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